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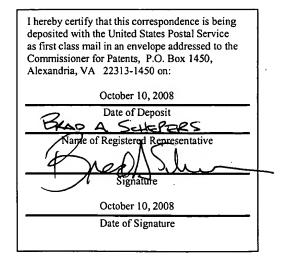
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated July 10, 2008, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Additionally, please charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.



INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 44-52, 54-58, 70-72 and 74-77 were pending in the subject application for the non-final Office Action dated July 10, 2008. Each of the pending claims currently stands rejected. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are hereby requested.